

Abstract

A card having non-visible or visible communication markings provided on a portion of the card, preferably the perimeter edge surface of the card. When the communication markings are provided on the card edge surface, the markings can be either non-visible to the naked eye or visible to the naked eye. Non-visible markings can be formed on the edge surface using UV or IR ink printed using an ink-jet printer. The communication markings can be used to verify and track cards within card processing equipment, both prior to and during card personalization, as well as prior to or after attachment to mailer forms. The communication markings can also be used for security purposes in preventing card fraud.

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